

§ 256.458-2 Indirect costs charged to nonassociate companies.

This account shall include recovery of those indirect costs of services performed for nonassociate persons which cannot be separately identified to nonassociate persons and therefore must be allocated. The amounts would be as set forth in the same monthly departmental journal or memorandum entries referred to for these costs in account 457-2, Indirect costs charged to associated companies. This account shall not include any compensation for use of equity capital or intercompany interest on indebtedness.

§ 256.458-3 Compensation for use of capital—nonassociate companies.

This account shall include only the portion of compensation for use of equity capital and intercompany interest on indebtedness before income taxes which is properly allocable to services rendered to nonassociate persons. A statement to support the basis for the compensation and how it was calculated should be attached to a separate journal entry, ledger system, or memorandum file.

§ 256.458-4 Excess or deficiency on servicing nonassociate companies.

This account shall include the amount by which the aggregate price received for services rendered to nonassociate persons differs from the sum of the total direct and indirect costs and compensation for use of capital which are properly allocable to such services. (Accounts 458-1 through 458-3).

2. EXPENSE

§ 256.920 Salaries and wages.

(a) This account shall include salaries, wages, bonuses and other consideration for services, with the exception of director's fees paid directly to officers and employees of the service company.

(b) This account shall be supported by time records and appropriately referenced to detailed records subdividing salaries and wages by departments or other functional organization units. See General Instructions.

§ 256.921 Office supplies and expenses.

(a) This account shall include office supplies and expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of service company operations assignable to specific administrative or general departments and not specifically provided for in other accounts. This includes the expenses of the various administrative and general departments, the salaries and wages of which are includable in account 920.

(b) This account may be subdivided in accordance with a classification appropriate to the departmental or other functional organization of the service company.

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1. Automobile service, including charges through clearing account.
2. Bank messenger and service charges.
3. Books, periodicals, bulletins and subscriptions to newspapers, newsletters, tax service, etc.
4. Building service expenses for customer accounts, sales, and administrative and general purposes.
5. Communication service expenses to include telephone, telegraph, wire transfer, micro-wave, etc.
6. Cost of individual items of office equipment used by general departments which are of small value or short life.
7. Membership fees and dues in trade, technical, and professional associations paid by a utility for employees. (Company memberships are includable in account 930.2, Miscellaneous general expenses.)
8. Office supplies and expenses.
9. Payment of court costs, witness fees, and other expenses of legal department.
10. Postage, printing and stationery.
11. Meals, traveling, entertainment and incidental expenses.

(c) Records shall be so maintained to permit ready analysis by item showing the nature of the expense and identity of the person furnishing the service.

§ 256.922 Administrative expenses transferred—credit.

This account shall be credited with administrative expenses recorded in accounts 920 and 921 which are transferred to construction costs of the asset and other debit accounts.

§ 256.923 Outside services employed.

(a) This account shall include the fees and expenses of professional consultants and others for general services with the exception of fees and expenses for outside services of account 928, Regulatory commission expense, and account 930.1, General advertising expenses. Separate subaccounts shall be provided for auditing, legal, engineering, management consulting fees and, if material in amount, any other fees of professional or outside services.

(b) Records shall be so maintained to permit ready analysis showing nature of service, identity of the person furnishing the service, affiliation to the service company, and, if allocated to more than one company, the specific method of allocation.

§ 256.924 Property insurance.

(a) This account shall include the cost of insurance premiums to protect the service company against losses and damages to owned or leased property used in its operations. Recoveries from insurance companies or others for property damages shall be credited to the account charged with the cost of the damage. If the damaged property has been retired, the credit shall be to the appropriate account for accumulated provision for depreciation.

(b) Records shall be kept so as to show the amount of coverage for each class of insurance carried, the property covered, and the applicable premiums. Any dividends distributed by mutual insurance companies shall be credited to the accounts to which the insurance premiums were charged.

§ 256.925 Injuries and damages.

(a) This account shall include the cost of premiums for insurance to protect the service company against claims for injury, liability and damage claims of employees or others and losses of such character not covered by outside insurance.

(b) Reimbursements from insurance companies or others for expenses charged hereto on account of injuries and damages and insurance dividends or refunds shall be credited to this account.

§ 256.926 Employee pensions and benefits.

This account shall include pensions paid to or on behalf of retired employees, or payments for the purchase of annuities for this purpose, when the service company has committed itself to a pension plan under which the pension funds are devoted to pension purposes. This account shall also include payments made under employee benefit programs such as medical and surgical benefits, disability benefits, life insurance, savings and thrift plans, and other similar benefits. Include, also, expenses incurred in medical, educational or recreational activities for the benefit of employees.

§ 256.928 Regulatory commission expense.

This account shall include all expenses, properly includable in service company operating expenses, incurred by the service company in connection with formal cases before regulatory commissions, or other regulatory bodies, on its own behalf or on behalf of associated companies, including payments made to a regulatory commission for fees assessed to the service company for pay and expenses of such commission, its officers, agents and employees, and for filings or reports made under regulations of regulatory commissions. The service company shall be prepared to show the cost of each formal case.

§ 256.930.1 General advertising expenses.

This account shall include the cost of materials used and expenses incurred in advertising and related activities, the costs of which by their content and purpose are not provided for elsewhere.

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1. Advertising in newspapers, periodicals, billboards, radio, etc.
2. Advertising matter such as posters, bulletins, booklets and related items.
3. Fees and expenses of advertising agencies and commercial artists.
4. Postage and direct mail advertising.
5. Printing of booklets, dodgers, bulletins, etc.
6. Supplies and expenses in preparing advertising materials.
7. Office supplies and expenses.